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(IRELAND), 1913.

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WARRANT OF APPOINTMENT.

BY THE LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR
OF IRELAND.

ABERDEEN.

WE hereby nominate and appoint Sir Samuel Dill, M.A., Litt.D., LL.D. (Chairman); The Most Reverend Denis Kelly, D.D., Bishop of Ross; Sir Hiram Shaw Wilkinson; John Coffey, Esquire; Heneage E. B. Harrison, Esquire; Jeremiah Henly, Esquire; Walter McMurrough Kavanagh, Esquire, D.L.; and Thomas Michael Kettle, Esquire; to be a Committee to inquire into and report upon the following matters connected with the Board of National Education in Ireland, viz.: to inquire and report whether the rules, regulations and practice of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland with regard to the inspection of schools and to the awarding of increments and promotion to teachers, and the methods adopted by the Inspectors in carrying out their inspection are conducive to sound education, to efficiency on the part of the teachers, and to fairness and uniformity in their treatment; and whether any and, if so, what changes are desirable in the system of inspection; and also to report upon the relations of the Commissioners and their Inspectors to the teachers; and upon the rules and regulations of the Commissioners with regard to the conduct of the teachers and especially as to whether such rules and regulations unduly restrict the liberty of the teachers in any respect, and whether in any cases some notice of the intention to make new rules should be published, and whether due facilities for appeal and means of access to the Board are allowed to the teachers.

We further appoint Arthur Joseph Donnelly, Esquire, to be Secretary to the Committee.

Given at Dublin Castle this 21st day of January, 1913.

By His Excellency's Command.

J. B. DOUGHERTY

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF
IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the following matters connected with the Board of National Education in Ireland, viz.:—whether the rules, regulations and practice of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland with regard to the inspection of schools and to the awarding of increments and promotion to teachers, and the methods adopted by the Inspectors in carrying out their inspection are conducive to sound education, to efficiency on the part of the teachers, and to fairness and uniformity in their treatment; and whether any, and, if so, what changes are desirable in the system of inspection; and also to report on the relations of the Commissioners and their Inspectors to the teachers; and upon the rules and regulations of the Commissioners with regard to the conduct of the teachers, and especially as to whether such rules and regulations unduly restrict the liberty of the teachers in any respect, and whether in any cases some notice of the intention to make new rules should be published, and whether due facilities for appeal and means of access to the Board are allowed to the teachers, desire to submit to Your Excellency the minutes of the evidence, with appendices, which we have taken from 26th June, 1913, to 17th September, 1913, on the subject of our Inquiry.

Subject to Your Excellency's approval we propose to issue from time to time in advance of our report further instalments of the evidence taken.

All which we humbly submit for Your Excellency's consideration.

S. DILL (Chairman).

*DENIS KELLY.

HIRAM S. WILKINSON.

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JEREMIAH HENLY.

WALTER KAVANAGH.

THOMAS MICHAEL KETTLE.

ARTHUR JOSEPH DONNELLY,

Secretary.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1914,
at 23 Kildare Street, Dublin.